

West Hartford Commission on Human Rights, Outreach Subcommittee meeting

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2014, 11 am to 12:30 pm.

Place: West Hartford Public Library, Main Branch

Attendees: Margaret Liu, Marcia Lewis, Mary-Ann Langton, Judy Wyman Kelly

1. August 12 meeting:

Due to the possibility that vacation plans may conflict with the scheduled August 12 meeting date, the group decided to poll members about choosing an alternate meeting date in June or July. **Judy** will email Commission members and suggest Wed 6/25, Mon or Wed 7/7 or 7/9, Tuesday 7/29, or a weekend date.

2. WH Town Deputy Corporation Counsel:

By email, **Judy** will solicit from Commission members any questions for the WH town deputy corporation counsel Mr. Alair. **Marcia** will submit the questions to Mr. Alair.

3. Celebrate West Hartford:

Margaret will look into making outreach “business” cards and **Judy** to creating a flyer of the facebook page for distribution during Celebrate West Hartford. **Mary-Anne** will coordinate teams for distribution of cards/flyers (**Judy** will email Commission members soliciting volunteers). In addition to distributing cards/flyers to Celebrate West Hartford attendees, volunteers are also encouraged to talk to any associations or community groups at the various booths who might be interested in the Commission.

4. Banner at Farmington and Main:

Margaret will continue to pursue the idea of hanging the banner in the December week that includes Human Rights Day (December 10). So far costs are estimated at around \$160 to hang the banner and \$650 to have the banner made. The banner can be re-used each year.

Soliciting donations from churches/temples, etc to help with the cost was suggested. **Mary-Ann** will compile a list of West Hartford religious communities.

5. Park Road Parade:

Marcia suggested that the Commission march in the Park Road parade (first Saturday in Oct.) carrying a banner (which we need to create). Maybe we will have t-shirt made by then too.

6. Human Rights “House” parties

Margaret mentioned that she and her neighbor are planning to host a block party in the summer or fall to foster community and provide a forum for conversations about human rights.

7. Filling last Commission spot

Marcia has been in touch with council member Denise Hall regarding filling the last Commission spot.

